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WITH OLD FRIENDS.

After the meeting of the Ohio Synod at Bellevue, the pastor and family spent a week with friends in Northern Ohio. For the first few days we visited at Lindsey, Ohio, with the family of J. L. Loose, Wm. Opperman, Mrs. John Wagoner, and Joseph Wagoner. Sabbath, Oct. 11th, we preached at Hesseville and Lindsey. These two churches formerly constituted a part of the Helena Charge, our first field of labor. We were glad to be among these people again, meeting them in their homes and their churches. It is always pleasant to visit with old friends and parishioners.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13th, we went to Helena, where we preached on that evening, and the evening following. While at Helena we were the guests of Mrs. Edward Seiple. We met most of the families of this Church at the services, and at our place of entertainment. We were sorry that we could not spend more time with these people and visit them at their homes. The churches of the Helena Charge have sustained many severe losses since our removal from that field. These churches feel somewhat discouraged under the present aspect of things. Many excellent families, however, still remain in these congregations, and with a reconstruction of charges, and an active minister settled over them, there is no need of disparagement. These people are kind, active, and devoted to the church, and under favorable circumstances will gather courage and strength, and prosper as in former years.

Wednesday night we went to Tiffin to visit with friends, and also to visit the University. While at Tiffin we were entertained at the home of Mr. Henry Stoner and daughters. Our visit with these friends was certainly very pleasant. Thursday a. m. we spent at the university with nephews, Parley Zartman and Edgar Alspach, taking our dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Baker, who have charge of the Ladies Boarding Hall. In the afternoon Father Lewis Keller came to the city and took us out to his beautiful

country home, where we spent a few hours most pleasantly with the Keller family, with whom we visited so often during our college days. We spent many pleasant hours at this home in former years, and we shall always cherish a very kind regard for these friends. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Keller, though advanced in years, are still vigorous in spirit and abound in kindness and hospitality. May the Lord spare them yet many days to the church, their children and their many friends.

We were glad to meet so many of our old acquaintances at Tiffin, and to find also that everything was moving along so pleasantly at the university.

On Friday, October 16th, we returned home with the assurance that our visit among old parishioners and friends had been profitable and most pleasant to us.

THANKSGIVING DINNER.

The ladies decided at their monthly meeting, Nov. 5th, to give their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. There is a great amount of care and work connected with this undertaking, and the ladies should have the united help of the whole church. Every lady should be willing to do her part, and the men should render all the assistance they possibly can. Every member of the church can take a part in this enterprise.

Tickets have been issued, and if some of our men can do nothing more, they can make themselves useful in selling tickets. To make the dinner a success financially, six or eight hundred tickets should be sold. All that is wanting to sell this number of tickets is to make the effort. The ladies who gave the supper in the church parlors recently, verified to the church what can be done if there is a will to work. Furnish yourself with tickets and get to work. The following are the committees appointed for the dinner:

Soliciting Committee—To solicit on the North Side—Mrs. John Snyder, and Mrs. Sadie Kelsey.

East of Calhoun street—Mrs. H. P.

Vordermark and Mrs. James Lonergan.

South of railroad—Mrs. Peter Kline and Mrs. Mathis.

West of Calhoun street—Mrs. Louisa Miller and Mrs. Geo. Hesserdd.

Country—Mrs. D. W. Souder.

Committee in charge of tables—Mrs. Louisa Miller and Mrs. W. T. Null.

Assistants—Mrs. P. Kline, Mrs. A. O. Troxal, Mrs. Sadie Kelsey, Mrs. Geo. Soliday, Mrs. John Bottger, Emma Neireiter, Mattie Monn, Kittie Vining, Lillie Walters, Jennie Walters, Annie Vordermark, Nellie French, Libbie Felker, Lillie Vordermark, Miss Bercot, Mary Rudisil, Birdie Saffern.

Committee in charge of bread and pies—Mrs. Vining, Mrs. Schrack, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Romy, Mrs. Geo. Saffern, Mrs. J. L. Horn.

Committee in charge of coffee—Mrs. Monn, and Mrs. D. W. Souder.

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The Soliciting Committee will do its work as early as possible, and report at a meeting of the committee which will be held at the church the Saturday before Thanksgiving at 2:30 p. m. Let all our families respond liberally when this committee shall wait on them. Turkeys, chickens, pies, butter, potatoes, corn, cabbage, celery, pickles, bread, coffee, etc, will be needed. Some may prefer to give money which will be just as acceptable.

The day before Thanksgiving every lady of the congregation will be needed at the church to assist in preparing for the dinner. There will be work for all, forenoon and afternoon.

Dinner will be served from 12 to 3 p. m., and will consist of the usual substantials and relishables of our Thanksgiving dinners. The ladies will do their best to have a good dinner, and please every person.

Mrs. Zartman has been quite ill, but is now slowly recovering.

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THE DOLLAR SOCIAL.

The social given at the church Oct. 29th, was a surprising success. From 5:30 to 9:30 p. m. the committee, assisted by volunteer help, did a rushing business. This was the most successful social ever given by Grace Church. The Sentinel of the following day says it was the most successful church social ever given in Fort Wayne. The committee deserves much credit for its untiring efforts and the manner in which the work was done.

The ladies who have been busily engaged in earning dollars for the church for a few months past reported at this social. The following ladies reported and paid in their dollars: Mrs. John Bottger, Mrs. Valentine Monn, Mrs. A. K. Zartman, Miss Emma Neireiter, Mrs. John Vordermark, Mrs. James Lonergan, Mrs. D. W. Souder, Mrs. Perry Archer, Mrs. Mathis, Mrs. R. L. Romy, Mrs. R. Gavin, Mrs. E. G. Pierce, Mrs. A. M. Henderson, Mrs. John Snyder, Mrs. C. C. Gumpfer, Mrs. H. P. Vordermark, Mrs. Belle Babcock, Mrs. A. O. Tuxal, Miss Anna Vordermark, Mrs. Martin Conet, Mrs. Jacob Rudisil, Mrs. James Vining, Mrs. Geo. Hesserdt, Mrs. Carrie Eckert, Mrs. Louisa Miller, Mrs. Geo. Soliday, Miss Katie Vordermark, Miss Etta Souder, Mrs. F. D. Paulus, Mrs. W. T. Null, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. J. L. Horn, Mrs. Walter Mitchel.

If there are other ladies who have earned dollars and have not yet reported, their dollars will still be thankfully received. We should like to see the name of every lady of the church on this list, in the treasurer's book. The total receipts of dollars paid in by the ladies: \$33.00.

Receipt of social - \$127.83.

Total receipt for evening \$160.83.

Mrs. Earl and little daughter have returned to their home at Kenton, Ohio. Mrs. Earl was a regular attendant at our services while in the city and seemed to enjoy very much to worship with us again.

GONE BEYOND.

Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the North winds breath.

And stars to set—but all,
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, oh! Death.

MRS. HEEMANS.

John N. Porter departed this life Oct. 25th, aged 39 years 2 months and 15 days. He leaves a wife, an only child, a father, one brother and one sister to sorrow his death. The pastor was called to visit the deceased the day prior to his death. We were glad to have the assurance that he made his peace with God before he was called away. Mr. Porter had been consecrated to the Lord in infancy in Holy Baptism, and in the last moments of life gave himself into the charge of his Savior. A few hours before his death he bid his family and friends adieu, and imploringly besought them all to meet him in the Home Beyond.

Mr. Porter gave full direction for his funeral services. Selecting Matt. 24-44 as the text for the funeral discourse, "Therefore be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh." The services were held from the Grace Church Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 28.

George J. Gutermuth died Nov. 2nd. Was born in Bien, Germany, Aug. 16th, 1824, aged 67 years 2 months and 16 days.

This aged father was called away from his family and friends without a moment of warning, death being caused by the accidental discharge of a gun which he was repairing. He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Walter Mitchel, and two sons. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor on Wednesday p. m. Nov. 4th, at the home in the presence of a large assembly of sympathizing friends and neighbors. These friends have the sympathy of the members of Grace Church in their sore bereavement.

At our communion service Nov. 1st, the following persons were received into membership with the church: Ezra Horn and Lizzie Horn, by letter from the English Lutheran Church of Urbanna, Ohio; John Chadwick, Maggie Chadwick, and Charles Gumpfer, by reprofession; James Christie and Louisa Cour, by confirmation. Let us give these new members a cordial welcome into the church and into our hearts, so that they may have a pleasant church home among us.

Eat your Thanksgiving Turkey with the ladies of Grace Church,

Mr. Daniel L. Grubb and Miss Katie Vordermark were married at the Grace Church parlors, Nov. 5th, at 1:15 p. m. A large assembly of friends and members of the church were present to witness the ceremony. Both parties are active and devoted members of Grace Church, and have hosts of friends in and out of the church. Mrs. Grubb has for a long time been one of the most earnest and consecrated members of the church, being a teacher in the Sabbath school, a member of the choir and of the Ladies Missionary Society, and above all an earnest and devoted worker in the young people's society of Christian Endeavor. She has deservedly won the esteem and love of the whole church. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Grubb left for Bellevue, Ohio, where they will visit with the parents of Mr. Grubb for several weeks. After their return to Fort Wayne they will shortly be located in their beautiful home in the extreme western part of the city. May the married life of these young friends be one of continuous sunshine and happiness.

Did you hear the pastors recent sermon on the prayer-meeting. Let your presence at these meetings be an evidence that you heard this sermon, and that you will be profited by it. There should be two hundred persons at our prayer-meetings on every Wednesday evening. The attendance is on the increase, but there is plenty of room for improvement. Do those who do not attend the prayer-meeting know that they are depriving themselves of the greatest benefits of grace? If it were a matter of dollars and cents, how many would then find it convenient to be at the Wednesday evening meeting's. We would then in all probability have crowded houses. Is it true that dollars and cents are of more value to us than our salvation? Let us think on these things.

Rev. C. M. Schaaf of Huntington has received and accepted a unanimous call from the First German Reformed Church of Louisville, Ky. He will enter upon his new field of labor some time next month. We are sorry to have Rev. Schaaf remove from our midst. He has been a very congenial and helpful neighbor to us. We shall wish him abundant success in his new field of labor, and shall hope to have many visits from him, notwithstanding the fact that he shall be more distantly located from us.

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Thanksgiving Dinner 25c.

William Kirkham and family have returned to the city to remain permanently. We are glad to have them with us again.

You can get your Thanksgiving dinner cheaper with the ladies of Grace Church than at your homes, or anywhere else.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad of Canton, Ohio, parents of Mrs. Zartman, have been guests at the parsonage for a few weeks past.

The pastor will very shortly begin a series of Sabbath evening sermons on Amusements. The topics will be announced later.

Mrs. Hobson has been confined to her room for some weeks past, but was gaining some in strength when last visited by the pastor.

Miss Mollie Buckwalter has returned from her visit in the East and is looking hale and hearty. She says she had a delightful time.

The Church Almanac and Year Book of the Reformed Church will be for sale by the pastor in a short time. Every family should have one.

Rev. Dr. Loyd preached a very instructive and impressive sermon at Grace Church Sabbath morning, Nov. 8th. The Dr. means just what he says.

Mrs. F. D. Paulus recently spent a

week at Akron, Ohio, with her brother Clark Bolender. Mrs. Bolender has about recovered from the injuries she sustained nearly a month ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crisso, of Springfield, Ohio, were in the city for a week or longer and attended the marriage of Mr. Grubb and Miss Kate Vordermark.

Mr. Alex Baltz, of New Era, who has been seriously sick for several months past, is reported to be some better. We hope he may soon recover.

We have recently received the following subscriptions for the Visitor, Mrs. John Wagoner, Lindsey, Ohio, \$2. Mrs. William Opperman Hesseville, Ohio, \$1, Chester Driftmier 25c.

The pastor will begin a class in the Catechism Sabbath morning, Nov. 22nd. All who wish to join the class should report then. The class will be heard during the Sabbath school hour.

Mrs. Reitze has removed her milliner store a few doors further south on Calhoun street, where she now occupies rooms to herself, and where she will be glad to wait on her old customers.

At a service held Saturday afternoon Nov. 7th, at the Salem Reformed Church, the pastor baptized four infants. It was an impressive scene to witness these parents bringing their babes and dedicating them to the Lord.

Mr. Lawrence, a member of the Reformed Church at Wooster, Ohio, recently called at the parsonage. He is past four score years but is still very active and is devoted to the church. We enjoyed his call very much.

At the ladies meeting, Nov. 5, the treasurer of the society was instructed to deposit an additional \$150 with the Tri State Loan Association. This amount will swell the society's deposits to \$800. Is it not possible to make it an even \$1,000 by Jan. 1st, 1892?

Mother McClure is slowly failing in strength and is a great sufferer. She is an example of Christian patience and resignation. She speaks with joy of the day when her afflictions shall be ended, and she may pass through the gates into the Heavenly Home, where she may be at rest forever.

It is rather odd, but when a man gets low down he is always hard up.

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Y. P. S. C. E. 1 PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

Nov. 15—"In the World, But Not of It." John 15: 19; 17: 15, 16; John 2: 15. Osear Miller

Nov. 22—"Lessons From the Story of Judas." John 6: 70, 71; 12: 4-6; Matt 26: 14-16. Mattie Moun.

Nov. 20—Consecration meeting. "Afraid to Do Right." John 19: 8; Luke 23: 23, 24; Mark 15: 15. Emma Neireiter.

Dec. 6—"He Died That We Might Live." 2 Cor. 5: 14, 15; 1 John 3: 16; 1 Peter 2: 21-24. James Romey.

Dec. 13—"Comfort From the Story of the Resurrection." John 11: 25; John 14: 19; Phil 3: 10. James Loneragan.

Dec. 20—"Lovest Thou Me?" John 21: 15-17. Eph 3: 17-19. Nora Romy.

Dec. 27—Consecration meeting. "Preparation for the Week of Prayer." Isa 62: 10; 1 Thess. 5: 17; Eph 6: 18. John Romy.

The Young People's Society needs some reviving. Let the active members pray and work with an earnest heart.

Lillie Vordermark and Etta Souder are delegates to the State Convention of Christian Endeavor which convenes at Kokomo Nov. 13-15.

It has recently been suggested by one of our earnest workers that our church doors should be opened at least once a month for the reception of new members. This is an excellent suggestion. The last Sabbath of each month has been designated as a Consecration Day, namely when special offerings shall be made to the Lord for Foreign Missions. Let us make this also a day when sin-sick and anxious souls may consecrate themselves to the Lord. Nov. 29th will be Consecration Day, let us work and pray that the Lord may give us a large ingathering of souls on that day.

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